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the matter--what is best for those children.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. President. I will just wind up this time by saying that I hope you will not vote for this amendment and that you will support the committee amendment and then support the bill, because I think that every one of you in this room, every one of you in your district has one or more people who have this problem. That's why I brought the bill. I didn't bring it because I got up one morning and thought, well, I ought to do something about noncustodial parents. It's because those parents came to me and said something needs to be done. And they have come to you the same way. So that's the reason for my bringing the bill. So let's take a good look at it and be sure that we are giving them a tool that they think will help them do the best for the child and for the family as a whole. And don't vote for this amendment, and support the committee amendment...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR CROSBY: ...and support the bill. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Crosby. We are discussing the Chambers amendment to the committee amendments of LB 120. Senator Don Pederson, you're recognized.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. The question was asked by Senator Chambers, essentially, why are we into this matter; this is not something that we should be considering. Let's review what is the divorce process. We are in this matter because by law Nebraska has given circumstances under which marriages can be dissolved. So they...that's one feature of why we're here. The second feature is that where there are children that are the product of that marriage, the court continues to remain as the custodial person concerned with the welfare of that child. That child is a ward of the court until such time as that child reaches age of majority. So we do have to consider what is in the best interests of that child and we need to arm the courts with the necessary authority to do that. Now whether this is that